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# Connecticut College Alumnae News

## COMMENCEMENT WEEK PROGRAM

### Friday, June 9th

- 2:00-5:00 P. M. Annual exhibition of the Department of Fine Arts. Lyman Allyn Museum. This exhibition continues through June 19th.  
9:00 P. M. Senior Prom (tickets required). Knowlton House.

### Saturday, June 10th

- 9:30 A. M. Annual meeting of the Alumnae Association. 206 Fanning Hall.  
12:45 P. M. Trustees Luncheon (tickets required). Knowlton Salon. For Seniors, Alumnae holding reunions, and Faculty.  
3:00 P. M. Class Day Exercises—Alumnae Parade, Laurel Chain, Ivy Planting, Presentation of Class Gift.  
“The Fall of the City,” by Archibald MacLeish. Outdoor Theatre.  
7:00 P. M. Reunion Dinners—1919, 1920, 1921, 1929, 1937, 1938, 1911.

### Sunday, June 11th

- 1:00 P. M. Winthrop Scholars' Luncheon. Speaker, President Blunt. College Inn. One Dollar.  
3:30-5:30 P. M. President's Reception. The President's Lawn. For Seniors and their friends, Alumnae, Trustees, and Faculty.  
7:30 P. M. Baccalaureate Service. St. James Church. The Reverend William W. Patton, D.D., Glen Ridge, N. J., Congregational Church.  
9:30 P. M. Senior Sing. Library Steps.

### Monday, June 12th

- 10:30 A. M. Commencement Exercises. The Frank Loomis Palmer Auditorium. Address by James G. MacDonald, President of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.

(Daylight Saving Time)



# A Successful Manufacturer

## ALUMNA HEADS SMALL TOOL FACTORY

BY KATHERINE T. FLOYD ex '21

THERE is one C.C.ite at least who has invaded the innermost sanctum of man's world and found it friendly. That is Marion Gammons Fitch, '20, who is now the executive head of the Gammons-Holman Company of Manchester, Connecticut, makers of small tools.

Words such as "lathes," "milling machines," and "grinders" which are Sanskrit to most of us are just A, B, C, to Marion. She deals competently with grades of steel and oil, surveys the airplane and automotive markets intelligently, and keeps a weather eye on conditions in Europe, Africa, South America and the Orient. Her company has agents not only throughout the United States but all over the world. Labor, finances, advertising, the problems of buying and the psychology of selling, are all in her day's work. Business conferences in Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Detroit, Chicago, and Washington, are part of the routine.

It is a quite common belief that men resent the intrusion of women in fields which they consider peculiarly their own. So it is interesting to note that at no time since, with her mother, she undertook the running of her father's factory following his death several years ago, has Marion encountered anything but friendly co-operation on the part of the men with whom she has been associated. Her business contacts have been with all sorts and conditions of men. She says that they have always given her thoughtful consideration and have listened to her ideas with as much respect as they could possibly have accorded those of a man. She has never been conscious of even the faintest shadow of condescension or resentment in their attitude.

Marion took over the factory when it was perhaps at its lowest ebb. Her father's death had resulted indirectly from his dogged efforts to keep his men employed at all costs throughout the bitter years of the depression. No uptrend of business was discernible. Marion was newly married and in the midst of the absorbing details of establishing her home. She had a job which she enjoyed at the Lyman Allyn Museum in New London. It took sand under those circumstances to undertake the management of a factory, especially when that factory was some forty odd miles from home.

But she did it. At first the strain was pretty bad. Her husband worried but couldn't persuade her to give up. Her friends, concerned about her, told her that she'd lose not only her health but her looks if she kept on. She only smiled a merry if tired smile and stayed with it. Forty miles or more from Oswegatchie to Manchester in the morning. Correspondence, interviews, tedious preparation of government reports, untangling of snarls, auditing of books all day. Forty odd miles back to Oswegatchie at night.

Perhaps the thing that carried her through was the fact that she felt she was doing more than a job. She was in a measure dedicating herself to the preservation of an industry which had been the child of her father's inventive genius, and the pride of his life.

At any rate, she successfully maintained and built up the business. In spite of stiff competition, she has kept Gammons tools to the fore. And moreover she has been able to adhere consistently to the principles laid down by her father, first of assuring each of her employes an annual income distributed evenly throughout the year



regardless of the rise and fall of business; and second of operating without indebtedness.

The company concentrates upon the manufacture of helical reamers and end mills, tools for finishing to exact size. The helical taper pin reamer, which was invented by Marion's father, the late Mr. William B. Gammons, was revolutionary in the machine tool industry, making possible the rapid finishing by machine of work which had formerly been done tediously by hand.

These reamers are now considered indispensable in industries where parts must be fitted perfectly. Standard Gammons reamers are sold by many competitors in the field, but there is hardly a factory in this country or abroad which does not turn to the Gammons-Holman Company to have its special orders filled.

The tool-makers in the company are men who are not only highly skilled in the field, but who have been further trained in the Gammons-Holman mill in the special processes which make the Gammons product distinctive. Marion says that this fact coupled with the factory policy which maintains year round production, has given permanence and stability to her force. She has no turnover in employes and literally no labor problems with which to contend.

You might imagine that husband and home would fare rather badly with Marion away every day turning the wheels of industry. But that has not been so. Her husband's days are filled with the demands of his profession. Their home is famous for the charm of its informality, warm hospitality and cheer. Guests for dinner in that household cause no flurry of preparation. Marion is the cook and her specialties are heavenly broiled steaks and raw vegetable salads (great wooden bowls full). She is as apt as not to get home just as the company arrives. But that is all right too. When Marion walks into the kitchen, a tempting dinner walks out. Just like magic.

Of course only a person with Marion's abundant health and energy and insouciant philosophy of life could achieve all this. She relegates the things she considers unimportant to unimportant places and declines to worry about inconsequential matters. She refuses to devote her week-ends to "good housekeeping" and spends her time gardening or roaming happily around Oswegatchie with her big German shepherd dog. Incidentally the Fitches have at present a great big dog, a middle sized dog, and a frolicsome puppy, a calico cat, and a big white rabbit. There used to be another cat, black as night, named Egypt, and a handsome talkative parrot. The "menagerie" as Marion calls it, is cared for while she and Dr. Fitch are away, by a part-Indian whom they regard with great affection. Ralph also takes care of their grounds, polishes floors, touches up the paint here and there about the house, and is in general invaluable.

Their one story white house rambles along the hypotenuse of a triangular country acre. It has a big living room with a fireplace, and a three car garage. The drive in front is bordered by a garden which is a riot of color from its first yellow flash of literally hundreds of daffodils in the early spring to the last flamboyant splurge of marigolds and dahlias in the fall.

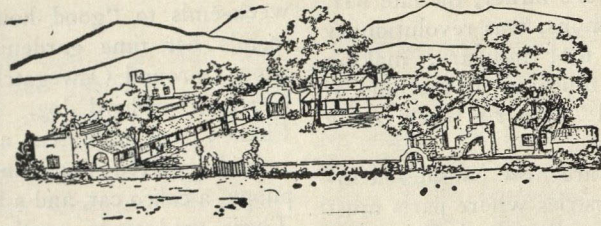
If there is anything Marion would rather do than run her factory (and she says there is) it is work in the garden. You can nearly always find her there when she has free time in the summer, digging, weeding, transplanting and pruning. Her hands and knees and elbows will be very grubby. Her face, likewise grubby, will wear an expression of utter delight and supreme contentment.

At first glance you may feel that she bears no resemblance to the efficient factory executive. But mark the determination with which she goes after the garden pests!



# Dude Ranching in Texas

BY AMY L. McNUTT '36



IT'S not monotonous this dude-ranch existence. On an otherwise uneventful day, a guest will get hung up in the brush and have to be carmine-striped with mercurochrome, usually enjoying it hugely, the windmill will sigh and cease, and so will the water, a wind will have wrapped up the telephone wires like pretzels and telephonic communication is no more for the next several hours. But no one objects, and that's a pretty calm twelve hours for us.

I'd better explain a little more about the set-up here with plain facts. Mother and I own and operate the Gallagher Ranch, a 10,000 acre cattle and guest ranch 28 miles out in the hills from San Antonio, Texas. It had been leased for several years, the lease expired and we moved out permanently to the country.

Gallagher Ranch headquarters is a great, low, rambling, tie-up of rock buildings in the shape of a croquet wicket, flat on the ground facing north. It is Texas-Mexican in architecture, white-painted, and tile-roofed in dull, hand-made tiles with ranch-style porches supported by sun-cured cedar posts all the way around. The center of the quadrangle is planted in grass except for a flagstoned area in the middle for the benefit of sun-bathers. There are accommodations for from thirty-five to forty people. Then there's

a large snowy-white dining-room with cypress refectory tables and benches and vivid crimson draperies against the wall like fire on snow. And a Big Room for entertainment. What makes the place particularly fascinating is that one of the buildings is eighty years old and another a hundred and twelve, so that the past seems not too distant when the guest looks out of the slit-like loopholes in his own room from which Gallagher's family used to shoot at marauding Indians. It's soaked in history, dating back to the roaring times of the original owner, Peter Gallagher, from whom the expression "Let 'er go, Gallagher" originated.

That's our set-up. It may be interesting to know how it's run. Our titles and duties all overlap. Mrs. Mac is the Owner, Big Boss, Culinary Expert, Gracious Hostess and Supreme Power. I am the Secretary, Shopper, Guest-Meeter, Publicity Manager, and Copy-Writer. Our foreman is Slick, head cowboy, famous entertainer, rodeo performer and fiddler. Under him are from three to five cowboys who look after the livestock, help with cattle work, goat-shearing, fence-mending, supervision of cedar-cutting, entertainment of guests, taking them for rides twice a day and teaching them the local dances—"Put your little foot," "Schottische," "Little Brown Jug," and "Rye Waltz."



Mrs. Mac is up at six A. M.—off to a fast start planning meals, checking over contracts made with cowboys and cedar cutters, assigning work and hanging pictures, stoking hot-water heaters, and doing anything else that gets in her way.



I get to the breakfast table somewhat later and right after breakfast answer the inquiries that have come in the day before. That is one part of my job that I take very seriously. I get

a feeling that it's up to me in the letter to make Gallagher Ranch sound so alluring that the recipient will grab hat, coat, toothbrush, and the next train for San Antonio. After he has arrived, he simply must feel that he would go no other place, even if he were offered a choice. And when he does arrive and feel that way, well, then dude-ranching is worth all the personal effort you pour into it.

Town next in Lochinvar, the station wagon, to get the mail, buy blue jeans, elastic, bathing caps, harness and toothpaste, meet guests and answer wires, visit two commercial artists to plan an ad for an out-of-town paper. Just before starting back, I shop for vegetables on Produce Row—so fresh they haven't yet been taken off the trucks, then Lochinvar heads West again and turns in twenty-eight miles later at the sign of the bow-legged cowboy.

Our guests are a fascinating, alive, interested and interesting crowd. They derive a keen pleasure from things we have got too used to—the intense blue sky, the big liveoak trees, the cowboys' clanking spurs and apt colloquialisms, the old cedar corrals, our collection of cattle brands. They are remarkably easy to entertain, seldom, if ever, look at a bridge table, and their idea of a perfect evening is listening to the boys with fiddle and

guitar singing "I Ain't Got No Use For the Women." For the most part they are families who love outdoor activity, or tired business men who are fed to the teeth with stock exchanges and income taxes and find complete relaxation in a different environment among different people. Often they come as an escape—from too much business, or too much realism in their own lives.

Operating a dude ranch is not the impersonal affair that running a common garden variety of hotel is. Unless you're in town, you are with your guests every minute, you play ping-pong and ride with them, you talk with them, you dance and eat with them, until you know them better in two days than you do your friends you see in town every day for years. It is not an eight to five job—it's twenty-four hours any time anyone wants anything. And it's not always pleasant. Sometimes you draw a sourpuss who would have been much happier at home, and who lets you know she doesn't like you or your ranch. But we had only one lemon in our bowl of fruit this year, a pretty remarkable record.

The greatest thrill of running this ranch, is in making lasting friends, and in knowing that what you have to offer people is something they need. It fully compensates for your non-existent privacy, compared to which a



guppy's bowl is a monastery.

So I'm not trading jobs with anyone. Under what other conditions could life be so free from monotony, so unregulated and unpredictable? . . . . You'll have to excuse me, now. I just had a call from a lady in town making reservations for fourteen for dinner tomorrow, so I'll be off to do some shopping about nine miles down the road.

So long, pardner, I'll have to drift.



# Here and There on Campus

JAMES GRAFTON ROGERS of Yale University, noted lawyer and educator, was elected a member of the college board of trustees at the recent annual meeting of the board. The new trustee has been professor of law and government at Yale since 1935. He was formerly a member of the faculty of the Denver university law school and its dean in 1927, and was dean of law at the University of Colorado from 1928 to 1935. He practised law in Colorado for many years, serving at one time as assistant attorney general of the state. His name was presented for membership on the board of trustees by a committee on new trustees headed by former governor Wilbur L. Cross.

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A gift of \$50,000 from Mrs. Emily Abbey Gill of Springfield, Mass., for the erection of a model cooperative dormitory, was recently announced by President Blunt. The dormitory will be called Emily Abbey house and will be started almost immediately. The site selected for it overlooks the Thames river and the Caroline Black gardens. The house will be made of white clapboards with green blinds. Its west side, facing the other college buildings will be two stories high. On the river side, accommodating itself to the slope of the land, it will have three stories.

The house will be planned so that the housekeeping by the group may be done with the greatest efficiency and the least possible expenditure of the students' time. The kitchen will be large enough and its equipment so arranged that several students may perform their duties there at the same time without confusion. There will be a spacious living room with a fireplace and an attractive dining room. Rooms for about 25 students, considered the ideal working unit, will occupy the upper floors.

President Blunt's announcement of Mrs. Gill's gift was received with great enthusiasm by the students. Shouts of delight shook Mosier house, the present cooperative dormitory, as the students living there were told the good news by the president before the formal announcement was made.

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Restoration of the "ivied walls" of the college buildings, many of which were stripped bare by the hurricane, is being started with the planting of more than 400 ivy and Virginia creeper vines. At the same time a number of large trees are being set out, some to replace those which were destroyed in the storm and others for the development of the Brinckerhoff plan for landscaping the campus. Large oaks, elms and sugar maples, and groups of dogwood are being planted around the new Frank Loomis Palmer Auditorium. Near the new Harkness chapel, and as a part of the gift of Mrs. Edward S. Harkness, are to be several tall elms and maples. New elms and oaks near Jane Addams and Mary Harkness dormitories replace several which were blown down. Four big elms are being set near Fanning hall.

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Five etchings and dry points by Professor Robert Fulton Logan, chairman of the department of Fine Arts, are being shown at the spring Salon Nationale des Beaux Arts which opened at the Grand Palais in the Champs Elysees in Paris May 1st. The pictures selected are two landscapes, a marine, and two architectural studies.

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The fifth annual Fathers' Day was held on campus May 13th with about 200 fathers attending. The father of Betty Gilbert '40 from Beaumont, Texas, came the longest distance for the event. The traditional Freshman tree planting cere-



mony, an informal reception at the home of President Blunt, luncheon at Thames hall, and the Freshman Pageant, "The Fate of the Suitors," held in the outdoor theater, were the main events of the day.

Announcement was made on Fathers' Day of \$1215 contributed this year by Dads to the Dads' Scholarship Fund. The money has been used to help five students this year. The idea of the fund originated with the Dads themselves just a year ago when it was decided on Fathers' Day to ask Dads for \$2 each to see what could be done. Several men have insured the continuance of their annual contribution by a gift of \$50 for endowment, but the \$2 gifts are the main point of the plan as it was started and as the committee hopes it will continue. J. Willard Kerr of Glen Ridge, N. J., is chairman of the fund. Members of his committee are Louis E. Rusch of Washington, D. C., Walter Merritt of Tenafly, N. J., and F. H. Dutcher of New York.

In a recent talk at the college, Bertrand Russell said that the greatest menace to the modern world is eloquence. He urged that by means of radio school children be given the opportunity to hear the ablest orators on both sides of every burning question of the day, that they be exposed to eloquence and brought up to look upon it with suspicion, that they be taught the dangers of its great persuasive force, and that they form the habit of resisting the destructive emotions it can arouse.

Dr. H. M. Smyser, associate professor of English, has been made a member of the advisory council of *Speculum*, the quarterly publication of the Mediaeval Academy of America.

The Winthrop Scholars will hold their semi-annual dinner meeting at the College Inn on Sunday, June 11, at one o'clock. President Blunt will be guest speaker and election of officers will take place. It is hoped that many Winthrop Scholars will be present.

The Eastern Regional conference of the Connecticut Conference of Social Work was recently held at Knowlton house. Irma Hutzler '19 (M.A. Connecticut College '38), social worker at the Norwich State Hospital, was chairman of the conference. President Blunt extended greetings to the delegates at the morning session and Mrs. Chase Going Woodhouse of the department of Economics and Sociology at the college, spoke on "Economic and Social Trends in Eastern Connecticut." Dr. Charles G. Chakerian, also of the department of Economics and Sociology, was chairman of the afternoon session. Miss Hyla Snider of the college faculty was a member of the executive committee.

Elizabeth Bindloss '36 of Mystic has been appointed to the faculty as an instructor in botany for next year. Betty has been an assistant in botany at Barnard college since graduation. She received her M.A. at Columbia last year.

New student government officers were installed on May 15th. Oaths of office were taken by Irene Kennel '40 of Cleveland, Ohio, president; Bessie Knowlton '40 of Holyoke, Mass., chief justice of honor court; Annette Osborne '40 of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, Mary Giese '40 of Wellesley Hills, Mass., Barbara Twomey '41 of Lakewood, Ohio, Nancy Marvin '41 of Chestnut Hill, Mass., Lois Brenner '42 of Ridgewood, N. J., and Betty Bowden '42 of Glens Falls, N. Y., honor court judges; Mary Ann Scott '40 of New Rochelle, N. Y., vice-president; and Janet Fletcher '41 of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., speaker of the house.

A handsome Washington thorn tree has replaced the apple tree which was one of the beauties of the Outdoor Theatre before the hurricane. The new tree is a gift of Mrs. Joseph S. Leach of Walpole, Mass., vice-president of the New England region of the National Council of State Garden clubs.



# Among the Chapters

*Reunions: 1919, '20, '21, '29, '37, '38. June 9, 10, 11, 12.*

**BOSTON.** The spring tea for present and prospective students was held at the home of Peg Wellington '37 and is reported to have proceeded with "style, ease and satisfaction." Fifty-one attended and all had fun. On May 19th a barn dance was given to raise money for the chapter's contribution to the Alumnæ Association. Sally Kimball '36 headed the committee in charge. A committee under the chairmanship of Beatrice Lord '28 has been busy investigating college china—domestic and foreign.

**CHICAGO.** A luncheon meeting took place at Marshall Field's in April. Officers were elected for next year as follows: Charlotte Lang Carroll '25, president; Grace Bennett Nuveen '25, vice-president; Elizabeth Archer Patterson '34, secretary; Grace Holmes Morrison '27, treasurer. Other officers on the executive committee are Katherine King Karslake '26, Frances Buck Taylor '32, Leah Pick Silber '20. Plans for future events include an evening meeting for husbands, tea for students at Charlotte Lang Carroll's in the fall and a tea dance during spring vacation.

**CLEVELAND.** The chapter will have completed a ten-year span of life in June and an anniversary meeting is planned during that month. Peg Sterling Norcross '26 is in charge. An April meeting was held at the home of Jane Vogt Wilkison '34, when Paul Stannard, manager of the Cedar-Central housing project, spoke. A short business session followed in charge of Jane Griswold Holmes '33, vice-president of the chapter. The May meeting was the largest of the year. Janet and Cornelia Hadsell '36 and '37 were hostesses, assisted by Jean Sprague Fisher ex '35, Mary Newcomb Hobson ex '33, Jane Petrequin '34 and Jane Hutchinson '38. Ben P. Boke, Jr., head mammalogist of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, was guest speaker.

**NEW HAVEN.** A successful meeting was held in February at the Faculty Club, Yale University. It was guest night and a large group heard Dr. Lawrence speak on "Peace Costs Too Much." As a way to start a fund for scholarship aid, the chapter sponsored a movie program at the Lincoln theatre which was financially successful. The committee included Hattie Goldman Rosoff '21, Marion Lyon Jones '21, Betty Kenna Lynch ex '36, Bette Andrews ex '36, Eunice Andrews ex '36, and Esther N. Watrous '21.

**NEW JERSEY.** A dinner meeting was held in March at Marlboro Inn, Montclair, with Eleanor Harriman Baker, president of the Alumnæ Association, speaking on alumnæ affairs, and Rosamond Beebe Cochran on new books. Since Peg Royall Hinck '33 was unable to continue as president, officers for the coming year were elected. The following were chosen: Constance Campbell Collins '37, president; Dorothy Cluthe Schoof '31, vice-president; Gladys Russell '34, treasurer; Jean Pegram '23, recording secretary; Eleanor Vernon Murdock '27, corresponding secretary; Adelaide King Quebman '28, Eleanor Newmiller Sidman '29, and Betsy Schaibley Grimes '31, hospitality committee; Peg Royall Hinck '33, membership committee; Grace Ward '25, Edith Clark '27, and Lois Penny Stephenson '27, ways and means committee; Mary Langenbacher Clark '23, program chairman; Delgracia Kent McConkey '28, press chairman; Edna Smith Thistle ex '26, social service chairman; Frances Vroom '29, chairman nominating committee; Doris Wheeler '37, Dorothy Daly '37, and Madelyn Wheeler Chase '28, nominating committee.

The April meeting took place at the home of Edna Smith Thistle and a large group heard Miss Ernst speak on modern French literature. At the May meeting, Spuddy Ward '25 was hostess with Philip



Cummings, speaking on the meaning of the Spanish war.

**NEW LONDON.** A formal banquet in April was held at Chasanba Lodge in Groton. President Blunt and Miss Margaret Chase of the Nursery School were speakers. Jessie Williams Kohl '26 was in charge of arrangements. A pleasant picnic was held on May 15th at Buck Lodge in the Arboretum. Janet Perkins Dixon ex '28, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the following slate of officers which was unanimously elected: Lilla Linkletter Stuart '34, president; Elizabeth Sawyer '35, vice-president; Alice Hayes Ames '32, secretary; May Nelson '38, treasurer; Katherine Walbridge '38, chairman of finance committee; Marion Sanford '24, chairman of program committee; Ruth Grodotzke '36, chairman of membership committee; Florine Dimmock '28, chairman of refreshment committee; Mary Chipman Morris '19, chairman of political service committee; Mary Crofoot DeGange '27, permanent chairman of joint scholarship committee; Gertrude Noyes '25 and Mary DeGange Palmer ex '30, advisory board.

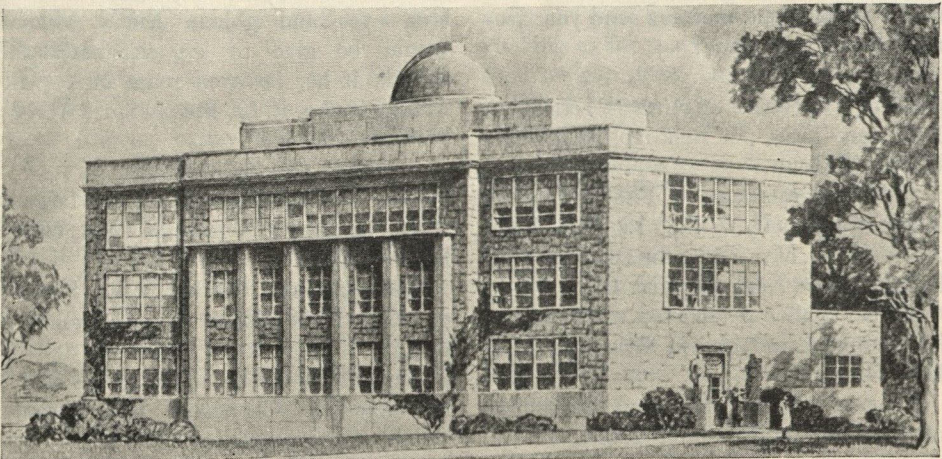
**PITTSBURGH.** The resignation of Mary Reed Stewart '31 as president means a great loss to the chapter. Mary has moved to Louisville, Ky. Colored movies were shown at a tea for prospec-

tive students on April 15th and were enthusiastically received. The chapter will be doubled when the present Pittsburgh girls at the college graduate.

**WASHINGTON, D. C.** In October the chapter met at the home of Virginia Stephenson '32. A contribution to the Arboretum Association was decided upon. Betty Phillips '26 and Juliet Phillips '30 were hostesses at the December meeting. The annual Christmas tea for alumnæ, undergraduates, and prospective students was held at the A. A. U. W. The February meeting took place at the home of Mary Capps. Mrs. Nathalie Scheffer spoke on "My Student Days in a Russian Convent before the Revolution." Kay Cooksey '32 was hostess at the April meeting. Mrs. Georgette Ross Howard spoke on present conditions in Germany.

**WATERBURY.** A spring luncheon on April 22nd took place in the Colonial Room of the Hotel Elton. Kathryn Moss spoke informally on new developments at the college. Mary DeGange Palmer ex '30, president of the New London Chapter, gave an account of the work done by her chapter.

**WESTCHESTER.** The annual bridge was held on May 12th at the New Rochelle Y. M. C. A. At the June meeting there will be election of officers and Eleanor Harriman Baker '25 will speak on the Alumnæ Association.



Architect's drawing of Frederic Bill Hall, classroom building now being constructed.



# Class Notes

**1919. CORRESPONDENT:** Grace Cockings, 82 Bellevue Ave., Bristol, Conn.

*Marriage:* Margaret Maher to Harry N. Ruby, mining engineer, on Jan. 23 in Long Beach, Calif.

1919's sympathy goes to Polly Christie for the death of her mother after Christmas.

Iveagh Sterry ex '19 recently had a book on Connecticut published in collaboration with another writer. She is living, with her two boys, in an old farmhouse in Southbury, Conn.

Marion Kofsky Harris visited Mad Rowe Blue in East Liverpool, Ohio, last fall, and also saw Lil Shadd Elliott during Christmas vacation.

Sue Wilcox and friends drove to Virginia this spring to see the gardens.

Alison Hastings Porritt and family spent three weeks in Clearwater, Fla., recently.

Juline Warner Comstock is teaching full time at the Leonia, N. J., high school.

Lucy Marsh Haskell and Dr. Haskell spent a vacation recently in Kentucky.

Ruth Trail McClellan wrote that she would like to bring her entire family to reunion, and we hope she will be able to do so.

Irma Hutzler is busy collecting pictures of 1919's children for the reunion book. Won't you mothers send your pictures to her post haste?

**1920. CORRESPONDENT:** Fanchon Hartman Title, 79 Belknap Rd., West Hartford, Conn.

Our big moment! The arrival of Rosemary Schell, 7 lb., 13 oz. Born April 29 to Mr. and Mrs. Frederic B. Schell, Jr., at Leaksville, N. C.

Esther Tabor is reported to have been in Bermuda, and also in Bristol, visiting Dot Muzzy.

Clarissa Ragsdale Harrison has bought an old barn at Pompton Lakes, N. J., and is having a good time making it into a house.

Henrietta Costigan is practicing osteopathy in N. Y.

Catherine Finnegan ex '20 was in San Francisco at the Fair. Nan Weldon Miner ex '20 is in the Welfare Department in New Haven, and has a son who is a freshman at Yale. Dot Quintard ex '20 is working in the Stamford library.

**1921. CORRESPONDENT:** Loretta Roche, 121 Marquand Ave., Bronxville, N. Y.

*Engagement:* Esther Watrous to Dr. Albert L. Hendricks.

With much regret and sympathy we record the death last winter of Richard Favorite, husband of Louise Avery.

Dorothy Wulf has been teaching in California. She visited Connecticut during the Christmas holidays.

Jeanette Lettney Skinner writes that she and her family expect to spend part of the summer at Higganum, Conn. She has two boys: Raymond, Jr., 17, tennis enthusiast and fine swimmer, and Edwin, 14, who is studying piano with a pupil of Hoffman. Jeanette had lunch recently at Dorothy (Runty) Doane's busy tea room at Sebring, Fla. Both Jeanette and Dorothy hope to attend reunion.

Mildred Pierpont Hazard writes of her son, "We" (Willet Edwin), five months old and already a lady-killer with big blue eyes and golden hair. Mildred would be glad to see classmates and friends at her farm on route 20A (Mil-Maury Farm, P. O. Box 115, E. Aurora, N. Y.).

**1922. CORRESPONDENT:** Margaret Baxter Butler, 775 Loraine Ave., Grosse Pointe, Mich.

*New address:* Gladys Smith Packard ex '22, 2718 Main St., Glastonbury, Conn.

Dorothy Wheeler attended N. E. A. meetings in Cleveland in February. While there she visited with Olive Tut-hill Reid ex '22 and found her two children quite grown up. Patsy is already in



Junior High, and Kirk will be there soon. Dorothy talked with Midge Neuberth Jackson, whose son will enter Junior High next year. Dorothy has recently been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Hartford Junior College, a liberal arts college for girls which is to open in September. She had hoped to re-visit Mexico this summer; but, as she is a director of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and is expected to attend meetings in San Francisco in July, will go to California instead. Augusta O'Sullivan and Anna Frauer '24 may go with her.

Blanche Finley took a freighter cruise to Haiti, Venezuela, and Curacao on a Dutch boat last October. This spring she motored to Charleston and immersed herself enroute in remnants of the Revolution and Civil War. In the fall she expects to go to France, having won the trip. Blanche invites all to look her up at the French Information Center, 610 Fifth Ave.

This spring Grace Fisher Weil's puppet show in her neighborhood was a very ambitious one—a performance of "The Ring!"

Ruth Levine is still in social work and is getting along famously.

Alice Hagar Schoffstall continues to enjoy her work in a bookshop in Burlington, Vt.

**1923.** CORRESPONDENT: Mary Langenbacher Clark, 62 Dryden Rd., Upper Montclair, N. J.

Our deepest sympathy to Carmela Anastasia Grenquist on the loss of her sister, Angela, better known to many C. C. girls as Bobbie, on Jan. 12.

Has everyone responded to Helen Hemingway Benton's appeal for the Alumnæ Fund? Helen spent the winter at Palm Beach, as Bill was recuperating from pneumonia. Transporting three children and the Scottie from Southport to Chicago and then to Florida was quite an experience. Helen writes: "As a family of rolling stones or folding beds, we feel like a vaudeville team without an act. We put up all the scenery and make a

great commotion, but we never crack a whip or get out the tight rope. Last fall the two babies, Charles, the nurse, the dog, and I, along with a weird assortment of luggage, motored out to Chicago. We had a marvelous stopover in Painesville, Ohio, where Helen Gage Carter '20 took us all in without a visible tremor."

Emily Slaymaker Leith-Ross and family spent the winter in Florida, where Bunny was a pneumonia convalescent. For their vacation in March, Maya and Jack Schmuck motored to Clearwater, Fla.

Your correspondent attended the A. A. U. W. tea at the Rainbow Room, Rockefeller Center, April 26, under the auspices of their World's Fair Committee. Similar parties were held in London and Paris, and proceedings were broadcast by N.B.C. to the 800 branches. Ericka Mann, Dean Gildersleeve, and Eva Le Gallienne were among the speakers; and Elizabeth Arden staged a fashion show for "college women of tomorrow."

At our N. J. chapter dinner meeting Mikay Wilcox McCollom drew the lucky chance on \$25 of merchandise at Altman's.

**1925.** CORRESPONDENT: Emily Warner, Girl Scouts, 14 W. 49th St., N. Y. C.

Unless more contributions come into the Alumnæ Association coffers, this column will have to be written in Morse code or our finest Gregg! They are choking us for space; we have more news than we can print, but we'll get it to you somehow, some time. Follow the facts without lace!

Jessie Josolowitz studied at the N. Y. School of Social Work last fall, after covering her job with a Providence social agency for seven years.

Betsy Allen is "in the pink," and is employed by a greeting card firm in N. Y. C. She has published a series of "party articles" in *American Home*, among others.

Olga Gennert Greene, whose boy and girl are aged 11 and 8 respectively, is assistant general manager of the photo-



graphic supply firm of G. Gennert, N. Y. C.

Midge Field Shaw busies herself with girl, 10, boy, 5, writing greeting card verses, acting in and directing plays, golf, in Easthampton, Mass.

Marion Walp Bisbee and Fred came east, southern route, on vacation last summer; returned home to San Diego, northern route, through Canada. Saw America first!

Catherine Meinecke Crawford engages in vegetable gardening when time and two boys, 8 and 1½, permit! Recently moved to Scarsdale, N. Y.

Charlotte Frisch Garlock has two children, 4 years and 6 months; is psychiatric social worker in N. Y. C., and plans further study in that field.

Charlotte Beckwith Crane's two boys, 3 years and 5 months, do not deter her from plans to start a class of piano pupils in Larchmont, N. Y.

**1926.** CORRESPONDENT: Jessie Williams Kohl, Connecticut College.

*Marriage:* Rosamond Beebe to Thomas C. Cochran, Professor of History at N. Y. U., in May, 1938. Address: 111 E. 10th St., N. Y. C. Rosky is still with the Macmillan Bookshop.

*Addresses:* Ruth Knap Wiederhold, 116 Rush Rd., Univ. Park, Hyattsville, Md.; Harriet Tillinghast Glover, 37 Fourth St., Stewart Manor, N. Y.; Jean Gillette Smith, 1717 31st St., Rock Island, Ill.

C. C.'s newest project, the Nursery School, has two representatives of the younger generation of '26—Peg Smith Hall's Dicky and Jessie Williams Kohl's Judy, and both are enjoying their early college experience. Peg is living in Mrs. Kip's house at Quaker Hill.

The Ebsens, Margie and Annette, and Madelyn Smith Gibson spent a short vacation in Bermuda last summer. Margie has given up her job and is at home in Englewood. Maddie is still at Macy's and Annette with the British Broadcasting Co.

Inez Hess spent last summer in Europe, visiting Italy, Germany, France, and England.

**1927.** CORRESPONDENT: Barbara Tracy Coogan, Brae Burn Rd., Auburn-dale, Mass.

*Birth:* To Bernice Leete Smith, twin boys, Alcott and Avery, on Dec. 6. Bernice's first son is nine.

Margaret Elliott has spent the winter nursing at the Presbyterian Hospital. Buddy goes to Maine for her summers.

This spring Mary Jerman had a traveling exhibit of summer fashions. In Montclair she showed them at the home of Eleanor Vernon Murdock.

Your correspondent and family are now located in New England. I think with pleasure of all the classmates I saw during my year in the N. Y. area.

Esther Vars du Busc's husband is a pediatrician in Elizabeth, N. J. At a pleasant luncheon at her home I met Isabel Grinnell Simons, who lives on Staten Island within hailing distance of the great ocean liners. Isabel is still studying her music and, together with her husband, takes a great interest in art. The Simons spend part of every year in England.

The Westchester Alumnae Chapter has been guided by '27 this past season. Betty Cade Simons was president; Margaret Rich Raley, secretary, and Constance Noble Gatchell ex '27, treasurer.

Did you know we have several families of four children? Please send news of them for the next issue.

**1928.** CORRESPONDENTS: Deborah Lip-pincott Currier, Route 1, Box 319, Tucson, Ariz., and Betty Gordon Van Law, 27 Briarcliff Rd., Larchmont, N. Y.

*Births:* To Carol Van Buskirk Regan, Mary Caroline, in October. To Truth Wills Crooks, Cynthia Ann, on May 6, 1938.

*New Address:* Elmo Ashton Decherd, 161 Curtis St., Meriden, Conn.

Jean Bradley Brooks and her husband are building a house in Schenectady to which they expect to move in the early summer. Jean visited Smudge Gove Studley ex '29 in January and saw Kinky and Lib Sweet Hadlock while there.

Living in Larchmont is Pat Towson



Moeller, who has two boys. Pat spent several winter weeks in Florida.

Jean Muirhead ex '28 lives in Bronxville and has two children—Andy, aged 8 and Cynthia, aged 4.

Libbie Arnold Kaufman lives in Scarsdale. She has recently returned from a sojourn in Porto Rico.

Peg Briggs Noble writes of a visit from Elmo Ashton Decherd and Evy Davis in January. Evy is secretary-hostess at the Groton Inn in Groton, Mass.

Peg Bell Bee was busy from January through April being general chairman of a Junior Aid Show, with Dot Ayers Buckley as business manager. Peg spent her spring vacation in Philadelphia and will summer at Nahant Beach.

**1929. CORRESPONDENT:** Winifred Link Stewart, The Embassy, 555 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

By the time this issue of the *News* reaches you, you may have received detailed instructions from Bibbo Riley, reunion chairman, and from Jan Boomer Barnard, president, about our Tenth Reunion. If not, you will receive these before long. The response to the questionnaires sent out earlier regarding the time for a 1929 reunion was almost unanimously in favor of a Tenth Reunion this June.

We all seem to be in the right mood for a grand old get-together; and the bigger the crowd back, the better the time we will all have. The fascinating changes on campus should in themselves be sufficient incentives to start us packing our bags at once. I urge each and every '29er and ex '29er to plan to make Tenth Reunion for the good of us all and of Alma Mater.

Born to Winifred Link Stewart, a daughter, Anne Carol, on April 18. With the writing of this column on April 27, your correspondent is still a patient in the hospital but as yet has not seen her little daughter, who was born six weeks prematurely. Her twin sister, Barbara, lived only a few hours, but Anne Carol is thriving in her incubator.

Since I've been here, I've had two

visits with Helen Hergert Kingsbury. She is a very busy and happy mother, wife, and community worker, actively associated with the Girl Scouts, P. T. A., and several other groups in Rye.

The Class extends its deepest sympathy to Ruth Dudley, who lost her father in October. This winter Dud has been at home in Elizabethtown, doing secretarial work for a law firm there.

Andy Anderson Wood writes of her family and our "class baby," who is seven years old and in the third grade. The Woods spend their summers in Maine fixing up their old house, built in 1798.

Dot Beebe Dudley is living in Pulaski, N. Y. She has a son and a daughter. Julie Johnston Parish ex '29 also has a son and a daughter.

Kay Capen Cook ex '29 lives in Woburn, Mass., with her doctor husband, who is head of the Deaconess Hospital. Kay has a boy, 7, and a girl, 4, both real blondes.

All other news will have to be saved till Reunion. Be seeing you all?!

**1930.** Fran Kelly Carrington kindly supplies the following items:

We bought a farm at New Milford, Conn., and hope to move there eventually. We are now camping out there weekends.

Jeanne Booth Sherman spends her winters at Kimbal Union Academy, where her husband teaches history and is assistant football coach. She summers at Bradford, N. H.

Jackie Kanehl Jeffre has just moved to a penthouse in Knickerbocker Village. She spends most of her time traveling with her husband.

Mae Gesell is teaching at New Canaan, Conn., and living there the year round.

**1931. CORRESPONDENT:** Caroline B. Rice, 129 E. 82nd St., N. Y. C.

Jeanette Shidle Morris, whose new address is 508 Gettysburg St., Pittsburgh, Pa., has kindly supplied us with the following news. Her son, Thomas King III, was born last July 22. Betsy Schaib-



ley Grimes has a daughter, Betsy, born December 21; and Bee Brooks Carpenter, a son, Brooks Herbert, born Nov. 25. Elinor Smart Strong and her husband have built and are living in a lovely Dutch colonial house at 37 High Farms Road, West Hartford. Mary Reed Stewart has moved from Pittsburgh to Louisville, Ky. Gretchen Shidle has just finished a job with an accounting firm, checking income taxes and the like. Recently she took part in a broadcast conducted by a Pittsburgh employment agency. Jetty often sees Jane Williams Howell, now that she's living in Cleveland. Jane's husband is on the advertising staff of *Time*. Lois Truesdale was married last fall to Charles J. Gaspar. Address: 1435 N. Hudson St., Chicago, Ill.

From Lorna McGuire I have just learned that Bonnie Bahney Wylie has a daughter, Elizabeth, born early in March. Bonnie and her family will probably move back to the East in July. Lorna has had a very busy year at Barnard.

Achsah Roberts Fennell tells me that Bea Whitcomb is now teaching at the Scarsdale High School and studying at N. Y. U. Achsah and Jo Lincoln Morris went on a six days' cruise to Bermuda during March. I spent a week there just before Easter.

Fannie Bixler Murphy has a son, Charles Thornton, born May 20, 1938.

Jane Moore Warner's address is 48 Hardison Rd., Rochester, N. Y.

**1932.** CORRESPONDENT: Isabelle Bartlett Hogue, 142 Vesper St., Akron, Ohio.

Your correspondent's name is now "Dun"! What about *your* contribution to the Alumnæ Fund? Billy Hazelwood is starting to collect class dues. Why not save her a stamp and send yours in?

*Engagement:* Deborah Roud to Dr. Joseph G. Cutler.

*Births:* To Ruth Caswell Clapp, Stephen Caswell; to Pree Moore Brown, Stephen Kroll; to Sally Francis Sawyer, a second son, Peter Walkley; to Jimmie Wyeth Jones, Benjamin, Jr.; to Mary Sturdevant Nye, Sturdevant Stuart.

Ellie Roe Merrill has moved into her

new home at 76 Pomeroy St., Meriden, N. J. '32 is represented in Honolulu by Ricky Kendrick Daggett, whose husband is teaching at the Punahou School, and Jean Stimson Wilcox, son Alan, and her husband, who is in the English department of the University of Hawaii. Helen Alton Colmar's address is Wayland, Mass. Midge Bodwell Dunlap, her daughters Anne and Linda, and her husband, who is in charge of the agricultural experiment station of A. and M. College, are building a home at College Sta., Tex. Allie Winston Liebman, who lives at 4556 Belfast Ave., Dallas, also writes glowing accounts of Texas. Adelaide Bristol Satterthwaite was "found" in Caracas, Venezuela. Her son, Sandino, is 4 years old. Kay Shultis Dubay is living at 2570 Alston Dr., Atlanta, Ga. Peg Salter Ferris moved to 112 Summit St., East Orange, N. J. Billy Hazelwood is head of the drama dept., College of St. Teresa, Winona, Minn. Betty Rathbone is studying Russian to help her in her cataloguing work at Dumbarton Oaks.

**1933.** CORRESPONDENT: Ruth Ferree, 22 Lexington Rd., West Hartford, Conn.

The Alumnæ Fund letters which went out while I had nothing more constructive to do than nurse a broken ankle brought a surprising number of sympathetic responses, and I hope the contributions to the Fund were correspondingly generous.

Jo Eakin is now working at British Broadcasting Corp., Rockefeller Center, and living at 26 E. 35th St.

Smiley and her mother-in-law planned to go to Key West in March, but I don't know whether the plan materialized. She and her husband spent a weekend this winter at Alma and Roland Belknap's plantation.

Ginny Parrish is varying her usual summer in the U. S. A. by going this summer to Europe, providing all is not too upset over there. The only other summer travel we know about is Sue Crawford's dream of flying to California for her vacation. More power to her! Personally I prefer to see the Rockies from the ground.



We apologize for not having acknowledged the birth of David Carver to Elizabeth Carver Perkins on Oct. 31—weight, 9 pounds, 4 ounces; length, 23 inches!

I'm hoping that somebody will become sufficiently incensed by the small proportion of the class whose doings are covered in the *News* to send in something about the less communicative members.

**1934. CORRESPONDENT:** Betsy Turner Gilfillan, Idlewild Lane, Media, Pa.

*Marriages:* Virginia Blunt ex '34 to Edward V. Cox, Jr., on Feb. 24 in West Newton, Mass., with Ellie Morris as one of the bridesmaids. After honeymooning in Bermuda, they are living in N. Y., where Ginny is continuing with her job. Elizabeth Turner to Robert G. Gilfillan, Jr., of Swarthmore, Pa. (Duke '31), on April 14. The wedding, a small one at the home of the bride's parents, proved quite a C. C. reunion. Alison Rush Roberts was matron of honor, and her husband, Bill, was best man. Betsy will live in Media until fall. Grace Nichols to Arnold D. Rhodes on April 1.

*Births:* Twins, a boy and a girl, to Julie McVey Rolfe on Jan. 11.

Anne Shewell has recuperated from a long siege of undulant fever and is now doing post graduate work at Boston's Lying-In Hospital.

In a most roundabout way it has been discovered that Emily Benedict Halverson's child is a boy. He is said to look just like a kewpie. Minna Barnet Nathan has a daughter, Sally, born last April or May.

Betty Hershey has been in Hershey often of late, playing golf and attending inaugural functions at Harrisburg. Dotty Bard Derry is sojourning at Palm Springs, Calif.

**1935. CORRESPONDENT:** Margaret T. Watson, Silverside Rd., R.F.D. 3, Wilmington, Del.

*Births:* To Hazel Depew Holden, Roger Depew, on April 1. To Betty Lou Bozell Forrest, Donald Bozell, on April 3. To Marge Loesser Koblitiz, Kenneth Stuart, on Feb. 8. To Betty

Osterman Bunyan, Barbara Greene, on April 1.

*New Addresses:* Hazel Depew Holden, 3 Station Rd., Madison, N. J. Petey Boomer Karr, Taft St., Bridgeport, Conn.

Mary Savage is research assistant to the new Director of Research in the State Dept. of Education of Connecticut.

Nanci Walker has just been appointed assistant clerk in the Superior Court in Providence and enjoys her work very much.

Jimmy Francis Toye is doing newspaper writing for her home-town papers. She says that America appreciates her writing more than England does.

Eveline Bates Doob is living at 1076 Whitney Ave., New Haven, Conn. Her husband is teaching at Yale.

Elizabeth Dutch is not teaching this year but is studying German and doing research work at Harvard.

Dickie Wormelle is still working at the Beaver Country Day School in Chestnut Hill as private secretary to the Headmaster and enjoys her work more every year.

Marjorie Nicholson had scarlet fever in January and spent February in Florida recuperating.

Frances Rush is planning a trip through New England in early August and will be on the staff at Pine Tree Camp the last two weeks of that month.

Babs Stott spent February in Miami and March in Palm Beach.

**1936. CORRESPONDENT:** Patricia Hall, 51 W. 12th St., N. Y. C.

*Engagements:* Patricia Hall to Harry Parker Staton, Jr. The wedding will take place on May 27 in Hingham, Mass. The N. Y. address will remain unchanged for the present. Gladys Bolton to Dr. Max Berlowe.

*Marriages:* Eleanor Pearson to Norman Lawson on April 15 at New Brighton, Staten Island. They will live in Summit, N. J. Betty Parsons to Charles A. Lehman, Jr., on April 8 at Springfield, Mass. Mr. Lehman is completing his medical course at the U. of Penn., and



they will live in Williamsport, Pa., after June 1.

*Birth:* To Evelyn Kelly Head, Kathleen, on April 18.

I received a nice note from Gerutha Kempe Knotte, saying that she was married on Aug. 14, 1938, and is now living in Heidelberg, where her husband is headmaster of a secondary school. Her address remains c/o Frau Kempe, Nuremberg-N, Aussere Bayreuther Str. 63, Germany.

We want some news of you who live west of the Hudson. Drop me a note and tell me about yourself and your friends!

**1937.** CORRESPONDENT: Lucy Barrera, 54 School St., Manchester, Conn.

*Engagements:* Dot Fuller to Henry F. B. Higgins of N. Y. and Woodstock, announced Feb. 18. Dot has been working as girl supervisor for the N. Y. A. in Kingston. Emily Black to Winton Grandy.

*Marriages:* Peg McConnell to George C. Edwards, Jr., Southern Methodist and Harvard, April 10, in Detroit. Bunny Sharp to Edward K. Wheeler (Fran's brother), George Washington U. and Harvard Law, on April 15 in New Philadelphia, O. Fran was maid of honor, and among the bridesmaids were Peg McConnell Edwards, Petey Mendillo, Dot Haney, and Libby Peirce Cook. They honeymooned in Bermuda and are now living in Washington, where Edward is with a law firm. Jeannette Shingle to Thomas F. Thomas on April 21 in Philadelphia. Betty Smith to Lev-

erich Hiscox on April 22 in Flushing, L. I. Honeymoon in Bermuda and now living in Brooklyn. Betty Gilbert to William F. Gehle on April 29 in Mt. Vernon. Barbara Silvers McCracken ex '37 was among the five attendants. They honeymooned in the South. Address: Roger Williams Apt., 19 Williams St., Mt. Vernon, N. Y. Olive Bowman ex '37 to Dr. Walter H. Gerwig, Jr., in Baltimore, March 18.

*Births:* A daughter, Dorothy Wadhams to Dot Wadhams Cleaveland on March 24. Dot's address: 211 Benham St., Torrington, Conn. A son, Geoffrey, to Betty Stromberg Naab last November. Betty writes that she has seen Ginnie Edgerton Kerr ex '37 and Janet Thorn Waesche on the Coast. Janet and Russell are now living in Astoria, Ore. Betty's address is 611 E. 20th St., Oakland, Calif.

*Other New Addresses:* Margo Coulter, 302 Aragon Blvd., San Mateo, Calif. Joan Blair Hoye, Apt. 3-A, 1324 W. 5th Ave., Spokane, Wash. Louise Cook Swan, 5 Huntington Pl., Norwich, Conn.

Ruth Scales is doing statistical work with the American Paper and Pulp Association in N. Y. Edith Agranovitch is teaching at Norwich Free Academy; Emroy Carlough, at Ramsey High; and Ruthie Holmes, at Bacon Academy. Helen Whiting is with the Philip H. Stevens Co., jewelers in Hartford. Winnie Seale has been teaching secretarial subjects at Rogers Hall in Lowell, Mass. She writes that Mila Rindge is still at Duke Med. and is doing very well. Elizabeth Schumann is now with the Irving Trust Co. in N. Y.

On Thursday, May 4th, the class of '39 was the first graduating class of the college to take general examinations. The plan of a general examination in the major field to be taken at the end of the senior year, was adopted last year and went into actual effect this year. The students faced the examinations in good spirits and with little nervousness, and have been most enthusiastic in acclaiming

their value. The college "News" reports that "the general examinations associated primarily all the studies in the major fields, and secondly, helped the graduating students and the faculty to realize the relation of one course to another."

The examinations lasted from 9 to 12 o'clock Thursday morning, but the students were allowed to work until 1 o'clock if they so desired.



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